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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1638

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

H. TAKATSUJI et al.

Application No.: 09/156,580

Filed: September 18, 1998

For: METHOD FOR SHORTENING
INTERNODE OF INFLORESCENCE BY
INTRODUCING PETUNIA
TRANSCRIPTION FACTOR PETSPL2

Art Unit: 1638

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Box AF
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Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals and Interferences from the Examiner's decision dated February 17, 2000, rejecting claims 1, 2 and 4-21.

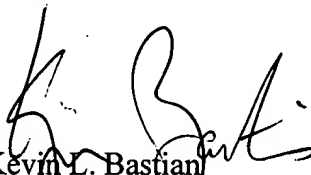
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